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Adventure Romance

PART III-Continued.

"Can't I?" said Miss Thornton, with in her eyes that made them look as though they were passing in review all the unchaperoned years since first she made her debut as an independent scullery-maid at Mrs. Blunkum's feedhouse. "I shall change nothing here." she concluded. "When Randy-Mr. Randolph comes back, he shan't find

his place cluttered with females." Mr. Milyuns turned on her a gaze that was complex with admiration and a realization that he was on the way to blting off more than he could chew. He decided to sidesten.

"Can you be in this afternoon?" he

"Oh, yes," said Pamela, involuntar-By glancing at the door and betraying a half-formed intention to watch that portal night and day until death or Mr. Robert Hervey Randolph arrived; "I'll be in. Why?"

"Mrs. Milyuns and my daughter Elleen will call on you at about five," explained Mr. Milyuns. "Just one more matter and I must go," he continued. "Your income amounts to something over eight hundred dollars a month. I shall pay it in advance until you get settled and have a chance to catch up"

"Please send me only half," said Pamela, as she rose to say good-by. Mr. Milyuns took her hand, dropped it, and started toward the door; but

before he got there, he stopped and "My dear," he said, losing for the

moment his birdlike, chirpy pose, "I don't want you to think of me as just your banker. I knew your father and your mother, and their fathers and mothers before them. I am fond, by old usage, of every drop of blood that runs in your veins. You won't forget that, will you?"

Pamela stared at him, swept toward him, threw her arms round his neck, bugged him, dropped her face on his shoulder and wept. Mr. Borden Milyuns stood very erect, his bald head held high, his pink cheeks puffed out. and his eyelids blinking at the rate of fifteen to the dozen in a vain effort to fan back an amazing lachrymatory in-

"There, there!" he said, patting Pamela on the back. "Who would have thought it, you adorable, lonely little

Pamela threw up her head and smiled through the sudden summer shower.

"I know it was ridiculous," she said, "But I couldn't help it. You made me like you all of a sudden, and I just had to, because you've had a bath and you look so clean inside and out." She kissed him as she broke away.

"I see; I see," said the astounded Mr. Milyuns, and beat it.

At two minutes after five the doorbell rang again. In spite of the fact that it was almost exactly the hour which Mr. Milyuns had set for the arrival of his wife and daughter, Pamela eouldn't help hoping-but in vain. It was with a slightly resigned air that she received Mrs. and Miss Milyuns instead of Mr. Robert Randolph.

Mrs. Milyuns flew to her, set hands on her shoulders, searched her face with eager shrewd eyes, and said: "Borden Indeed told me the truth

about you, my dear. May I kiss you?" Pamela extended one cheek to the salute white her eyes wandered off to size up the tall, blonde, cool young person that she surmised must answer to the name of Eileen Milyuns. Being the product of two shorts, how on earth had she managed to grow so long? Her face was regularly beautiful, as though it had been carefully made to order like her clothes. She appeared as passive as a Palmer snow-

After a little skirmishing for position, the three ladies seated themselves in a triangle, into the center of which the well-trained Tomlinson ran

a tea-wagon. "Now," said Mrs. Milyuns, having emptied and put down her cup, "let's forget the sheer romance of the situation, my dear, and get down to practical problems. The first of all things, as you must realize, is the necessity of getting you a companion. Would you care to be our guest in Madison avenue

until you can pick one out?" "I would put clothes ahead of a

housecat," murmured Eileen. Her mother ignored the remark and kept her eyes fixed on Miss Thornton's perplexed face. That young lady seemed in no lack of something to say but rather in search of words and the plunging courage necessary to the saying. She drew a long breath and deliv-

ered herself of the following: "Really, it's most awfully kind of you, but, as I told Mr. Milyuns, Tomtinson is such a dear that I am going

to continue him as my companion." "Tomlinson! " exclaimed Mrs. Milyons, and then smiled indulgently for the first time during the interview, being under the impression that at last she had run into something approprisnisty make in the touring of her new-

a little breathlessly. "I have a feeting-I can't explain it exactly-that a new edge to her voice and something | this apartment is a one-woman setting. As I said to Mr. Milyuns, I don't want to clutter it with females."

A silent laugh crept into the eyes of the marblesque Elleen; something inside of her sat up and took notice. She glanced round the room and murmured:

"Mother, she's absolutely right. I'm

"'Right!' Elleen!" exclaimed Mrs. Milyuns, flushing in her indignation at finding a traitor in the home camp. "I don't know what your generation is coming to. The impossible is never vight."

Having taken up her suave cudget, Elleen was in no haste to lay it down, and may it be pointed out right here that Miss Imogene Pamela Thornton had the rare faculty of enlisting the nearest bystander to assume her battles for her, thenceforth becoming a charmingly interested onlooker, ready to watch the tide of her own fortune from the vantage-point of an entirely impersonal detachment.

"That's where you slipped, mother," continued the quite unruffled Elleen. "There's nothing impossible to our generation. Impossibilities are our food, drink and raiment. We're like those surprising orchid things that defy the usual laws and live on air."

"Yes," remarked Mrs. Milyuns; "any new air. But I didn't bring you here. Eileen, to be a stumbling-block to-to Pamela, who is suddenly faced with problems in the solution of which she deserves our sympathetic assistance."

"You've hit the nail on the head again, mother," parried Elleen. "You're not in sympathy with her, and I am; so you'd better hand over her check, and tomorrow morning at ten I'll be here to help her cash and spend it-if necessary." She turned to Pamela with a twinkle of anticipation in her eyes. "How about it?"

Pamela smiled back her bubbling suille, and then suddenly grew grave. "Do you think I could order by measure?" she asked, and, remarking the hurt astonishment on Elleen's face, continued in rapid but neverthe-



And Were Soon Involved in an Orgy of Trying On.

less halting exptanation: "You see, it's Mr. Randolph. This is really his apartment, and he may be back almost any -any day. I-I don't want to miss him. I-I wouldn't be out when he comes, for anything."

"H'm," interjected Mrs. Milyuns, but before she could make any further progress along that line, Elleen was on her feet and saying good-by among these other things:

"That's all nonsense. If Bobby found you here just as he left you, the first time he decided to turn up, he might never appear again. But if he finds you after two or three unsuccessful calls and just one day's shopping. he will never leave. Tomlinson will

have to throw him out." "Tomlinson couldn't," said Pamela

with calm complacency. Gradually the sure shot made by Miss Milyuns began to take effect. The thought of new clothes-new smart spits, airy evening nothings, filmy undergarments, and solid-silk hosierystole Pamela from her intention of

eternal vigilance and ted her to say: "After all, I will go with you, if I: really isn't asking too much of you."

Thus was Mrs. Milyuns side-tracked for keeps, and on the following morning the two young ladies were wafted down-town in Mr. Milynns' best limonsine and proceeded to open a chain of credit-accounts, on the bare say-so of Elicen and in the name of Miss L. P. Thornton, that spoke volumes for the former's exclusive taste in fashionable purveyors and financial ability to liminor it. Possibly the two would in the lawe shopped up to the moment of the provide a bad it not been for Transcript,

"Oh, yes, I can," said Miss Thornton, | the fact that Pamela knew all about money from the short end. "I have finished," she suddenly an-

> nounced. "Finished what?" asked Elleen. "Finished shopping," said Pamela. "I've been keeping account, and I've spent almost the whole check."

> "The whole check?" exclaimed Elleen. "Why, you haven't touched it. That's the beauty of charge accounts. You can keep your checks to look at. I've got some that father gave me three years ago."

Pamela smiled a smile of much wisdom and made for the nearest exit. As a matter of polite formality, when they reached Fifty-ninth street, she asked Elleen to come up for lunch from the bachelor's buffet in the basement, and she could not help a slight feeling of relief at the news that Miss Milyuns had promised herself elsewhere.

"But I'll break away and come for tea at five, if you'll let me," said Elleen. "I simply must help you try them all on."

"All right; do," said Pamela, inwardly pleased that she would have some one beside Tomlinson upon whom to flash the first dazzling vision of her metamorphosis.

The first thing she did when she renched the apartment was to ask if Mr. Randolph had called; the next was to summon the office of Milyuns, Branch & Milyuns on the telephone to know what steps had been taken in the new search. She was somewhat surprised to learn that the entire firm hads gone out to lunch in a body, and still more startled at the information, obtained three hours later from the same supercilious voice at the other end of the wire, to the effect that none of them and come back. She was young; she believed it.

There is no doubt that in five minutes more Mr. Gloom would have assumed full sway in the late apartment of Mr. Robert H. Randolph had not a long procession of parcels begun to arrive in the nick of time. Tomlinson brought them into the bedroom, one, two, three at a haul, and Pamela herself cut the knots with Mr. Randolph's best nail-scissors and laid out the goods, filmy fold upon filmy fold.

By the time Elleen turned up the apartment looked like the stateroom de lux of a millionaire young lady returning from Paris with nothing to wear and preparing to swear to it before all the customs officials in Gotham. Tomlinson was ordered to fill the cellar with wrapping-paper, tissue-paper, cardboard boxes and string, burning what was left over in the back yard.

As soon as sufficient space had been cleared for action, the two girls set to work, and were soon involved in such an orgy of "trying on" as only the healthiest stamina of youth could have endured without falling over in a dead faint from exhaustion. Even Eileen divested her person of everything but, and experimented with such dear garments as it seemed impossible Miss Thornton could get round to in the allotted time.

Having tried to show the public how charming was Pamela in and without her cheap clothes, no puerile and gasping effort will be made in these pages to measure the effect upon her of the latest creations of the raiment dreamgods of Fifth avenue. Suffice it to say that, in one hour's twinkling of the eye, she became such a radiant vision as chokes mere words down into the pit of a man's stomach, makes his law work like that of a fish on a hot sidewalk, fills his eyes with the pleading light of calf-love and inspires his hands with an overmastering desire to reach for it.

For two, four, six days, a week, two weeks, Pamela lived in breathless anticipation of the moment when she could burst upon the evesight of one Robert Hervey Randolph, and when all these days-and weeks-passed without any news of him, her lips that were made to smile, to kiss, and to bless the nir with words softly spoken and carried on the fragrance of clean young breath began to droop pitifully.

Mr. Milyuns' efforts in several directions had so far proved in vain. He had advertised in every paper in Gotham, from the New York Epoch to the pink Police Gazette; he had offered rewards; he had set traps and was now supporting a large corps of rapidly fattening individuals who called themselves "plain-clothes" men-a name that would have fitted them admirably had the last syllable been omitted. His net results were the information that Mr. Randolph, in a reprehensible state of intoxication and at seven o'clock of the morning of which he had disappeared, had exchanged his swell evening garments at a secondhand emporium on Sixth avenue for a suit of thicks and eighteen dollars in cash, stating, as he left the place, that he was thinking of going South for the rest of the winter.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Carrying Power. She-Aren't the Howlers very hightoned people?

He-High-tened? I should say they are. Why, when they quarrel you can hear them two blocks away. - Boston

SCHOOL TAX BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

MEMBERS OF UTAH LEGISLATURE ACT IN ACCCRDANCE WITH PRAYER OF CHAPLAIN.

Provides for State Tax Levies for School Purposes to Secure \$25 for Each Person of School Age.

Members of the lower house of the Utah legislature on January 25 listened to a prayer by James Clove, chaplain, in which he prayed for the enactment of legislation that "would mean more and better schools and improvement of the educational system of our

When the session had adjourned House bill No. 20, providing for state tax levies for school purposes to provide \$25 for each person of school age, had been passed by the house. The Salt Lake delegation led the fight against the measure, which had been presented by Representative Seegmiller. Members from the outside districts favored the measure.

With the exception of the special order of business, the lower branch of the legislature had completed all of its work, on January 25, within twenty minutes. This included the reading of communications and petitions, introduction of five new bills and the passage of one house bill.

The Utah senate on January 25 passed on to the house two concurrent memorials, one asking for a duty on lead, and one for an appropriation for the Green river project. It also debated the house bill by Representative Ivers regarding interest on county carrent indebtedness.

Fearing it would make too hasty progress, the senate has amended its rules so as to provide for a day's lapse of time between the time a bill goes on the second reading calendar and the time it is passed.

The governor would be authorized to appoint or dismiss the state engineer at any time he may feel a change in the office necessary, according to the provisions of House bill No. 48, introduced by Representative McShane.

The Utah state senate had its first real busy day on Monday, January 24, when three measures were passed, after prolonged debate, and fourteen bills were introduced, eleven of which were in the group of so-called reorganization measures, having to do with the establishment of the state department of finance and purchase, the cornerstone of the proposed structure of state government.

Senator Dern's bill lengthening the terms of payment for state lands from ten to twenty years, was finally passed. Senator Jenkins' ball, providing for a state real estate board, was

passed after a lengthy discussion. The house concurrent resolution asking the Arizona legislature to take action in support of the Arrowhead trail through Mohave county came into the senate, and was at once re turned, having been passed unani-

mously, under suspension of the rules. Nine new bills were introduced in the house of representatives on January 24, and two house measures were passed. The session lasted but an

An attempt to amend the house rules to provide that all bills lay over one day, or one session, after being placed upon the calendar was defeated.

As a house steering committee to co-operate with a like committee from the senate in steering the administration measures through both houses, Speaker Callister appointed Representatives McShane, Mills and Howell. The senate steering committee comprises Senators Peters, Jenkins and

Of the nine measures thrown into the house hopper January 24, five are educational measures and emanate from the special committee which drew up bills at the instance of the governor. All affect the University of Utah and the Utah Agricultural college, and refer to tuition, courses of study and co-ordination of work between the two institutions.

The members of the lower house of the Utah legislature dld not take a holiday on Saturday, even though the state senators had decided to rest for the day. Two measures were approved by the house, while four new measures made their appearance

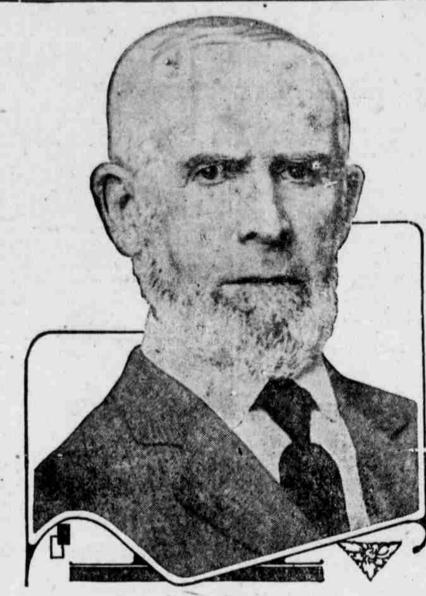
House concurrent resolution No. 2, by Imlay, memorializing the legislature of the state of Arizona and indorsing passage of a bill in the legislature of that state providing for the construction of the Arrowhead trail through Mohave county, Arizona, was passed under suspension of the rules.

An emergency measure introduced for the relief of the Uintah school district was passed.

Of the four measures introduced in the house January 22, one was that authorizing county commissioners to provide for the construction of walks and sewers. Another provides for the retirement of firemen eligible to pension at the age of 50 years instead of 60, providing they have served for a period of twenty years.

Another bill would regulate incustrial camps and pleasure resorts located near streams used for water supply, and the fourth would amend existing statutes relating to the appolarment of livestock inspectors.

Quaker Minister Is Grateful to Tanlac



Rev. Parker Moon

Nearly everybody in Southwest Mis- climate. I then moved to Texas and souri either knows or has heard of west back and forth three times, but the Rev. Parker Moon, who for a full did not get the relief I had hoped for. half century has devoted his life and Finally, I got so had off I was not talents to Sunday school and organi- able to get around with any degree zation work for the Society of Friends of comfort. I was also told I had or Quakers.

"Uncle Parker," as he is more famillarly known, came from fine old rugged Quaker stock, and there is not a to me, I decided to try it. I got a better known or more highly respect- bottle and had taken only a few doses ed citizen in that part of the state. until I could notice a marked im-In referring to his remarkable res- provement in my condition. I noticed toration to health by Tanlac, he said: especially that I was not troubled any

a general breakdown. My principal which was a great relief. trouble was nervous indigestion. My "I kept on taking Taniac until I appetite was very poor and my food fully regained my health. My appeseldom agreed with me, and I had to tite is splendid; I enjoy my meals and live on a very restricted diet. I suf- I do not find it necessary now to take fered a great deal from headaches any laxative medicines of any kind, and dizzy spells; I had severe pains I can sleep much better and am not across the small of my back and was nearly so nervous. badly constipated most of the time.

more or less for five years. My phy- tlon." sician said he could not do anything for me and suggested a change of everywhere.

States' Debts Increase.

In 31 of the 48 states the revenues exceeded the expenditures for govern- and all through the house not a creamental costs, including interest on in- ture was stirring-except Lily, the debtedness and outlays for permanent cook, preparing to take the 10 a. m. improvements, by \$50,192,314, or 71.6 as a holiday surprise. And Uncle Horcents per capita. In the remaining 17 ace, in the guest room, who has just the revenues fell below the expendi- discovered that sprig of holly that the tures by \$15,378,246, or 43.8 cents per boys put between the sheets. And the capita, and in five of these 17 states boys, who, having surreptitiously sufficient revenues were not collected opened their presents and found them to meet current expenses and inter- all "useful," are contemplating subot-

est. Taking the 48 states as a whole, age. And sister Maybelle, who has the excess of revenue over expendi- saved her dud gifts of the year before tures was \$34,814.068, or 33.1 cents and is trying to redistribute them. And per capita. These are among the in- mother, who is going to get that red teresting facts brought out in a re- ball on top of the tree or die in the port entitled "Financial Statistics of attempt. And father, sitting up with a States, 1919," issued by Director Sam sick check book and a sheaf of newly L. Rogers of the bureau of the census, arrived bills. And Florence, the cat, Department of Commerce.

Strength of Ice. Ice two inches thick will bear men

on foot. Ice four inches thick will bear men on horseback.

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The Night Before Christmas. .

"Twas the night before Christmas,

somewhat the worse for having sampled the Christmas punch to which father consecrated his last bottle of Scotch.-From Life.

The Likeness.

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"I can't see the likeness, I must вау."

"Isn't he peeling the belles?"

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